

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

FCC 17M-38

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| In the Matter of |) | WT Docket No. 02-55 |
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| THE STATE OF INDIANA |) | TAM-12005 |
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| SPRINT CORPORATION |) | |
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ORDER

Issued: November 21, 2017

Released: November 21, 2017

On November 16, 2017, the State of Indiana (Indiana) and Sprint Corporation (Sprint) filed a Joint Request to Extend Notice of Appearance and Prehearing Conference Dates (Joint Request). The latest ruling on extensions was made on October 31, 2017. *Order*, FCC 17M-37. The Presiding Judge accepted the parties' request to delay the filing of the Notices of Appearance until November 27, 2017, and delayed the conference until December 4, 2017. Further request to delay is based on representations by Indiana and Sprint that in principal, an agreement has been reached for universal settlement. Therefore, "a reasonable amount of time, of not more than a month" is requested to prepare, sign, and file settlement papers and joint motion to dismiss. Joint Request at 3.

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) filed its response on November 20, 2017 (Bureau Response). The Bureau does not oppose Indiana and Sprint's request to delay the Prehearing Conference, given their diligent efforts to reach a settlement. With regard to the Notices of Appearance, the Bureau does not oppose a limited extension of time for filing, but does oppose indefinite delay. Bureau Response at 2-3. The Presiding Judge agrees with the Bureau that filing Notices of Appearance is necessitated under the Commission's Rules even if a settlement is reached and rules accordingly. *See* Note to 47 CFR § 1.221(f).

IT IS ORDERED that the State of Indiana and Sprint Corporation are granted a limited extension to December 22, 2017 to file their Notices of Appearance in accord with 47 CFR § 1.221(e).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State of Indiana and Sprint Corporation are granted an extension to December 22, 2017 to sign, submit and file a settlement agreement and a joint motion to dismiss.¹

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION²

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Sippel".

Richard L. Sippel
Chief Administrative Law Judge

¹ Five days thereafter, the Enforcement Bureau shall submit a comment document indicating the Bureau's concurrence, or notation of no objection, or make its objection giving reasons.

² Courtesy copies of this Order will be sent via e-mail to the addresses provided by counsel on the date of issuance.